

## **MINING LAW PROGRAM**

The JD Certificate in Mining Law takes advantage of the world-class educational resources in mining and mining law available at the University of Arizona, including at the College of Law, the [Global Mining Law](#) program, the Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources, the Department of Mines and Minerals, and other science-related departments, such as the Department of Geology.

As a result of these resources and the strong collaboration between the law school and departments undertaking mining-related research across campus, we can offer students both broad and deep training in a variety of aspects of mining, from the business side of mining to regulatory compliance with tax, environmental, and human rights-related laws and norms.

Students may choose 12 units from the coursework listed below to complete the certificate. Courses are offered in person and/or online. [Check the Schedule of Classes for delivery semesters.](#)

### **MINING LAW CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES**

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To earn a Mining Law Certificate, a student must satisfactorily complete at least 12 units of Mining Law-related courses specified below. The Faculty Director may approve course substitutions for a good cause.

#### **Required Mining Law Courses for Receiving a Certificate at the time of Graduation**

A student must satisfactorily complete two of the following courses (\*designates courses offered fully online):

Required (3-4 units)

- LAW 640G\* Introduction to the International Mining Industry (1 unit)(waived if the student has a mining background; please contact the Mining Law Faculty Director for a waiver)
- LAW 640C\* Contractual and Related Issues for Land Acquisition and Mineral Development (3 units)

**AND**

Either (3 units)

- LAW 640\* International and Comparative Mining Law (3 units)
  - Or
- LAW 640A\* U.S. Public Land and Mining Law (3 units)

## **Mining Law-Specific Electives**

To complete the remainder of the 12 units of Mining Law-related courses, a student must satisfactorily complete at least six units of the following (\*designates courses offered fully online):

- LAW 640B\* Law if the Use of Public Land Resources (1 unit)
- LAW 640H\* Global Mining Tax, Law, Policy, Sustainability and Disclosure (3 units)
- LAW 697F\* Valuation of Mineral Assets and Projects (2 units)
- LAW 697G\* Acquisition and Financing of Mineral Projects (1 unit)
- MNE 697B\* Corporate Organization and Governance in Mining (1 unit)
- LAW 640F\* Managing Public Lands under NEPA (2 units)
- LAW 640E\* International Mining Health and Safety Law and Practice (1 unit)
- LAW 696I\* International Environmental Law (3 units)

## **Other Electives**

(For those interested in other electives, please contact the Mining Law Faculty Director to make course substitutions)

In lieu of Mining Law-specific electives, a student must satisfactorily complete the remainder of the 12 units of mining law-related courses from any of the courses listed above or below.

(\*designates courses offered fully online)

## **Courses Relevant to Mining and Indigenous Peoples:**

- LAW 643D\* Native American Natural Resources (3 units)
- LAW 527 International Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples (2 units), Plus Law 696N Substantial Paper Seminar (1 unit)
- LAW 525 Native Economic Development (1-3 units)

## **Courses Relevant to Mining and International Business Transactions:**

- LAW 644B International Commercial Transactions (2 -3 units) or Law 544B\* Introduction to International Commercial Transactions (3 units)
- LAW 643M Foreign Investment in Developing Economics: Its Regulation and Protection (2-3 units)
- LAW 603I International Business and Investment Structuring (2 units)
- LAW 697P Comparative Commercial Law (3 units)

## **Courses Relevant to Mining Transactions and Finance**

- LAW 614B\* Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance (3 units)
- LAW 616 Business Organization (3-4 units) or Law 516\* Introduction to Business Organizations Law (3 units)
- LAW 617\* Corporate Finance (3 units)

- LAW 640C\* Contractual and Related Issues for Land Acquisition and Mineral Development (3 units)
- LAW 644B International Commercial Transactions (2 -3 units) or Law 544B\* Introduction to International Commercial Transactions (3 units)
- LAW 696L International Trade Law (2-3 units) or Law 553A\* International Trade Law and Policy (3 units)
- LAW 643M Foreign Investment in Developing Economics: Its Regulation and Protection (2-3 units)
- LAW 603I International Business and Investment Structuring (2 units)
- LAW 633C Secured Transactions Article 9 (2-4 units)
- LAW 638C Business Planning (2-3 units)
- LAW 600A Contracts (4 units)
- LAW 655P Corporate Governance (1-3 units)
- LAW 647A Corporate Taxation (3 units)
- LAW 644H International Commercial Arbitration (2-3 units)
- LAW 658 Securities Regulation (2-3 units)
- LAW 697P Comparative Commercial Law (3 units)
- LAW 627 Oil and Gas Law (1-3 units)
- LAW 650C Energy law (1-3 units)
- MNE 697D Introduction to Engineering Contract Law (1 unit)

#### **Courses Relevant to the Science, Technology, and Intellectual Property of Mining**

- LAW 655R Intellectual Property Law (2-3 units) or Law 555\* Intellectual Property (3 units)
- LAW 655C Patent Law (2-3 units)
- LAW 697Z Patent Practice (2 units)

#### **Courses Relevant to Mining, Law, and the Environment**

- MNE 697K Introduction to Social and Environmental Assessment (1 unit)
- LAW 576 Natural Resource Law and Economics (3 units)
- PA 581 Environmental Policy (3 units)
- HWRS 515 - Introduction to Water Resources Policy (3 units)
- HWRS 543A - Risk Assessment for Environmental Systems (3 units)

#### **Courses Relevant to Mining, Lands, and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

- LAW 540\* Introduction to Human Rights Law (3 units)
- LAW 550A\* Native American Law and Policy (3 units)
- LAW 643D\* Native American Natural Resources Law (3 units)
- ARL 541A Natural Resource Management in Native Communities (3 units)
- LAW 579A Indigenous Peoples' Rights Under International Law (1 unit)
- LAW 631A Federal Indian Law (3 units)
- LAW 696D Indigenous Peoples' Law Clinic (2-6 units)
- LAW 525 Native Economic Development (1-3 units)

### **Courses Related to Mining, Economic Development, and the Rule of Law**

- LAW 696L International Trade Law (2-3 units) or Law 553A\* International Trade Law and Policy (3 units)
- LAW 697E\* International Human Rights Law (3 units)
- LAW 695B Gender and the Law (1-3 units)
- LAW 697B Globalization and Transformation of Culture (1-3 units)
- LAW 603N Property, Social Justice and the Environment (1-3 units)
- LAW 697D International Human Rights Advocacy Workshop (1-3 units)
- LAW 670 Public International Law (2-3 units)

### **Questions**

Please send questions to the Faculty Director, John C. Lacy (jlacy@arizona.edu)